

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7 have been amended to include the limitation that the filler be greater than 1 micron. None of the cited references disclose this limitation. The rejections to the claims is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration, allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 – 14 are withdrawn from consideration. New claim 15 is added.

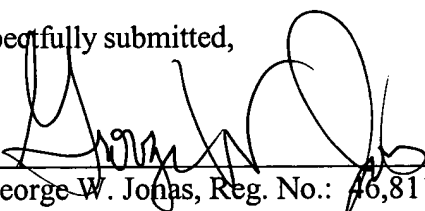
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The penultimate paragraph of the Decision on Appeal of the current application states "In the event of further prosecution of the subject matter at bar . . . appellants should make of record the distinction between the articles of the present invention and those discussed at page 1 of the specification under the heading of Background of the Invention. As specified in the Detailed description and in the currently amended independent claims, the invention addresses textured films pattern coated with low adhesion backsize (LAB). As stated in the Background of the Invention the currently claimed invention is an article, rolled and film, which has a visually uniform appearance across both the coated and uncoated areas of the article, roll and film. Thus, the pattern-coated areas are fairly smooth and shiny and contrast greatly with the dull, uncoated areas of the film. Therefore, the coating patterns are easy to see and the resulting type has a non-uniform visual appearance.

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